

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AIDS APPLIANCES TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government is providing financial assistance and appliances on an extensive scale to the physically handicapped persons in different States;
- (b) If so, the details regarding the procedure followed to grant financial help/appliances in favour of States to ensure that the aid reaches the disabled persons in the rural and backward areas of the country including Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) The number of persons likely to be covered under the scheme and the criteria for selection of such persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Grant in aid is provided to eligible implementing agencies as per provisions of the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/ Appliances (ADIP), details of which are available on Ministry's website www.socialjustice.nic.in. It is the endeavor of the Ministry to provide aids and appliances to eligible disabled persons in rural and backward areas of the country including Madhya Pradesh. During 2004-05 three implementing agencies of Madhya Pradesh have been given grants of Rs. 23.00 lakhs.

(c) About 2,70,000 Persons with Disabilities are likely to be covered under the scheme during 2004-05. The implementing agencies identify eligible disabled persons as per eligibility criteria indicated in para 5-6 of ADIP Scheme.